

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: P018.jpg

Other Known Title: Not Stated

Medium: Computer Image File

Director/Author: Not Applicable

Producer/Publisher: Not Applicable

Country of Origin: Not Stated

Language: Not Applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Distributor: Not Applicable

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive Note: Not Applicable

Display Conditions: Not Applicable

Date of entry in Register: 30 October 2008

Date of direction to issue a label: Not Applicable

OFLC No: 801648

Excisions: Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

**Summary of reasons
for classification:**

The computer image file *P018.jpg* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The publication is objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The file contains an image depicting sexual abuse involving an adult and two young boys. The purpose of the image is to titillate or arouse people with a sexual interest in children. The publication encourages this sexual interest and strengthens the idea that it is appropriate and acceptable for adults to become sexually aroused by children. The effect is to validate the use of children for adult sexual gratification and to encourage their sexual exploitation.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome consistent with Parliament's intention that publications which promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes will be deemed objectionable. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society and is a reasonable and demonstrably justified limitation on the freedom of expression.